

Regular Meeting

Agenda Item #	1
Meeting Date	May 29, 2007
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Approved By	Barbara B. Matthews City Manager

Discussion Item	Resolution Proclaiming 2007 as the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments' 50 th Anniversary.
Background	<p>Councilmember Williams has requested that the resolution be placed on the agenda for Council consideration and adoption.</p> <p>The resolution recognizes 2007 as the 50th Anniversary of the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments. The independent, non-profit organization was established in 1957, providing 50 years of outstanding service to the City of Takoma Park and the National Capitol Region.</p>
Policy	The City of Takoma Park Council is pleased to recognize the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments' 50 years of service to the community.
Fiscal Impact	None
Attachments	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Resolution Proclaiming 2007 as the 50th Anniversary of the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments
Recommendation	Councilmember Williams requests Council support for the resolution.
Special Consideration	

Introduced by:

City of Takoma Park, Maryland
Resolution 2007-_____

50th Anniversary of the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments

WHEREAS, the Metropolitan Council of Governments is an independent, nonprofit organization, founded in 1957, and comprised of elected officials from 21 local governments of the District of Columbia, suburban Maryland, and Northern Virginia, plus area members of the Maryland and Virginia legislatures, the U.S. Senate, and the U.S. House of Representatives; **AND**

WHEREAS, in April 1957, forty officials from Washington area jurisdictions voluntarily gathered to establish an organization where they could exchange ideas and work together on regional issues like transportation, the environment, and public safety; this organization became the Metropolitan Council of Governments; **AND**

WHEREAS, during the past half century COG's activities have touched every aspect of the life of the citizens of the National Capital Region and have improved the quality of life for all residents; **AND**

WHEREAS, the Metropolitan Council of Governments has developed regional responses to such issues as the environment, affordable housing, economic development, human services, land use development, public safety/emergency response, and transportation that affect the quality of life of all residents of the National Capital Region; **AND**

WHEREAS, COG has served as the Metropolitan Planning Organization guiding the region's transportation planning in partnership with the State Department of Transportation; **AND**

WHEREAS, the Metropolitan Council of Governments' Air Quality Committee, created by the two states and the District of Columbia, has worked successfully to reduce pollutants in the region's air; **AND**

WHEREAS, COG also galvanized the region's response to the September 11th attacks and the ongoing emergency preparedness program; served as the site where major decisions were made during the Potomac River clean-up; organized one of the nation's first regional conference on AIDS; developed the region's express bus lane system; led the fight against air pollution with a model law and daily air quality index; and found foster and adoptive families for vulnerable children and teenagers.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TAKOMA PARK, MARYLAND, THAT we hereby proclaim 2007 as the Metropolitan Washington Council of Government's 50th Anniversary Year and urge the people of the City of Takoma Park to continue their support of the Council of Governments and its legacy of regional cooperation and commitment to a vibrant future for our state and the metropolitan region.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the City of Takoma Park hereby extends congratulations to COG in recognition of its 50th Anniversary and legacy of outstanding service to the residents of the City of Takoma Park and other governments of the National Capital Region.

ADOPTED THIS ____ DAY OF MAY 2007.